

JAMES DAVIDSON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 625.]

FEBRUARY 15, 1845.

Mr. BRINKERHOFF, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Davidson, report:*

That the petitioner entered the service of the United States as a draughted militiaman of the State of Tennessee, in the company commanded by Capt. David Smith, and in the regiment of Col. Pipkin, in the fall of 1814. That while stationed at Fort Williams, on the Coosa river, the petitioner, with others, being greatly in want of food, and having been already two or three days without sustenance, obtained leave to go out and hunt. While hunting, he was pursued by hostile Indians, and ran several miles, to make his escape into the fort. In so doing, he became greatly over-heated and very wet, which resulted in his being taken with a violent fever; and, remaining diseased for some time, dropsy ensued, which settled in his testicles, inducing enormous swelling of those organs, which have remained painful, diseased, and enormously swollen ever since.

These facts are, by testimony duly authenticated, established to the satisfaction of the committee; and, believing him to be permanently disabled to the degree of three-fourths of a total disability, they herewith report a bill for his relief.

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